

The New University in Exile Consortium

# Membership Guide

2022-2023

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CONSORTIUM

# Introduction

The New University in Exile Consortium has carried out its mission to assist endangered scholars by creating a sense of belonging to our shared intellectual community for nearly four years. In that time, the Consortium has grown from 11 to 65 member institutions globally, significantly increased our programming, and supported our hosted scholars as they face the difficulties of exile. Unfortunately, the need for our work is greater than ever. 2021 began with a military coup in Myanmar, saw the fall of Afghanistan to the Taliban, and in 2022 the unwarranted invasion of Ukraine by Russia, among other international emergencies. Our network has come together to answer the call.

As you will read, we have expanded our mission to support threatened students and artists, as well as scholars. We have developed new initiatives to serve endangered scholars, students, and artists who are internally displaced and unable to leave their home countries, and we have adapted existing programs to better serve Afghans and Ukrainians in need. We know that restrictions on academic freedom, threats to intellectual life and scholarship, and the actual destruction of university facilities will continue, and perhaps even increase, however, we also know that the institutions and scholar-members of the New University in Exile Consortium will work steadfastly together to do all we can to protect and nurture scholars forced into exile and the rich intellectual resources they represent.



Arien Mack  
Founder & Director, New University in Exile Consortium

# About the New University in Exile Consortium

The Consortium is a globally expanding group of colleges and universities in Canada, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Jordan, the Netherlands, Poland, Spain, South Africa, Sweden, Switzerland, the United Kingdom, and the United States. Each institutional member is committed to hosting at least one exiled scholar every year. These exiled hosted scholars constitute our scholar cohort. We work with them individually and as a group to try to lessen the profound sense of dislocation which exiled scholars suffer and which adversely impacts their intellectual and personal lives. With the fall of Afghanistan and the invasion of Ukraine by Russia, the Consortium expanded its mission to include finding placements for threatened Afghan and Ukrainian academics, students, and artists at Consortium member institutions.

## *History*

Established in September 2018, the Consortium follows in the tradition of The New School's original University in Exile created by The New School's first President, Alvin Johnson, in 1933. The first University in Exile became the home of rescued, largely Jewish, endangered scholars from Germany and France. Today, members of the New University in Exile Consortium are hosting more than 100 exiled scholars from 22 countries.



# Our Programming

*At its core, the Consortium works to provide a welcoming, vibrant, intellectual community of peers who share the experience of exile.*

- **Weekly Scholars Seminar** – our cornerstone - an online meeting to build community among Consortium scholars.
- **Co-led Online Seminars** – led by a Consortium scholar and an endangered they identify; 10 weeks, free and open to anyone. Since 2021 we have offered 30 seminars. We will offer 5 more during the spring 2023 semester.
- **Annual Summer Retreat** – hosted by a Consortium member institution, this 2-3 day gathering provides time to reflect on Consortium programming and time to be together informally.
- **Annual Scholars Conference** – a public academic conference for which the scholars determine the subject and serve as speakers.
- **Library Access Initiative** – provides access for endangered scholars to electronic resources at our member institutions.
- **Global Sourcebook** – an online database of resources for endangered scholars and students.
- **Career Assistance** - we work with individual scholars to help them find appropriate positions when their current fellowships end.
- **Monthly Meeting for Afghan Students** - to create community and help address any problems they may face.

## In the Spotlight:

[Endangered Scholars Worldwide](#) is our website dedicated to reporting, raising public awareness and support for intellectuals, academics, researchers, and students who have been threatened, silenced, or imprisoned simply for doing their scholarly work or speaking out against the injustices around them.



# Our Work

## **Afghan Students & Scholars**

Since the takeover of Afghanistan by the Taliban, the Consortium has worked to assist students and scholars by arranging placements at our member institutions and other colleges and universities when needed. We are proud that our members are offering full-tuition scholarships to more than 150 Afghan students.

## **University in Exile for Afghan Artists**

In collaboration with the [Artistic Freedom Initiative](#), the Consortium is committed to bringing 10 endangered Afghan artists on 1-year fellowships to the programs and divisions in the arts at The New School. When we succeed, the Consortium will have effectively created a second University in Exile at The New School, the first of which was founded by The New School's first President, Alvin Johnson in 1933.

## **Ukrainian Students & Scholars**

Consortium member institutions are also hosting endangered Ukrainian students and scholars on virtual and residential scholarships and fellowships. Additionally, we have:

- Created a [resource guide](#) for students & scholars
- Secured the donation of 200 laptops from the German company Siemens delivered to Karazin University in Ukraine
- Additional aid provided to Karazin University to enable Ukrainian scholars and students to continue their research and instruction during the ongoing war



“She’s at Brown. Her Heart’s Still in Kabul” by Maddy Crowell published in the New York Times Magazine highlights our work to place Afghan students.



Mannes School of Music in the College of Performing Arts at The New School will host renowned Afghan musician, Ahmad Fanoos.

# To Join

Members of the Consortium are colleges, universities, and institutions of higher education.

To join, write to us at:  
[uieconsortium@newschool.edu](mailto:uieconsortium@newschool.edu)

## Our members commit to:

- **Host and financially support** at least 1 endangered, threatened scholar, selected by your institution, for **two years** with the understanding that a re-evaluation will take place at the end of the first year. (If you are currently hosting an at-risk scholar, that qualifies.)
- Identifying a **liaison person** on your campus to represent your institution and work with the New University in Exile Consortium.



**"They Can't Kill Us All": These Scholars Lost Their Countries and Found Each Other**

**In *Mother Jones*, November 23, 2022  
By Melissa Fay Greene**

**"At the New University in Exile, they fight for democracy from afar."**

67 schools  
*in 15 countries*

100+ scholars  
*from 24 countries*

An endangered scholar is defined as anyone with a Ph.D. or equivalent degree who has held a teaching or research position at an institution of higher education beyond graduate school and has faced or recently fled from severe and targeted threats to their life and/or career in their home country or country of residence.

Your institution can identify this person on your own, through [Scholars at Risk](#) or [Scholar Rescue Fund](#), or with the help of the Consortium.

# Benefits to Member Institutions

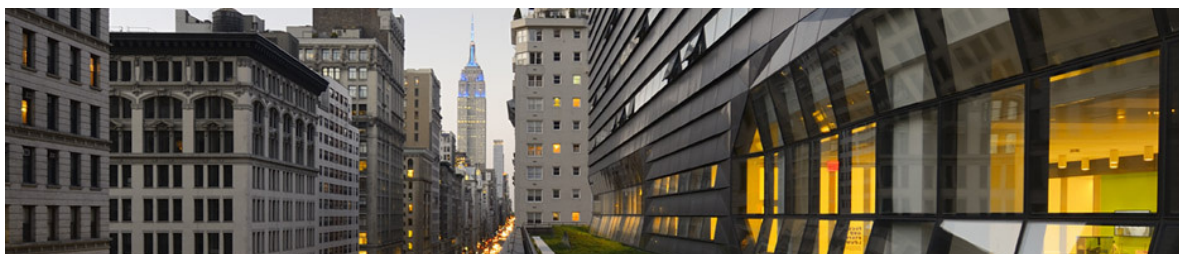
## *Becoming a member of the Consortium:*

- Affirms and demonstrates your institution's commitment to **academic freedom** and **freedom of inquiry** as basic human rights.
- Provides a **forum for our institutional liaisons** to discuss issues relating to hosting threatened scholars on their campuses and to share possible solutions (liaisons meet, on average, 3 times a year with one in-person meeting for those able to attend).
- Provides the **local academic community** the opportunity to learn about the issues facing endangered scholars, and the challenges to academic freedom and free inquiry around the world.
- **Supports professorial diversity** - hosted endangered scholars come from many different countries and backgrounds and bring unique and valuable perspectives to their host institutions.
- Provides an **additional resource for Afghan students** who may be dealing with a sense of isolation or culture shock as they adjust to their new environments.

## *How We Are Different:*

The primary difference between the Consortium and other organizations that support endangered scholars is our focus on building lasting personal connections. Our mission is to create a supportive intellectual community for hosted scholars who often feel isolated in their new academic environment.

# Benefits for Hosted Endangered Scholars



- **Reduce Isolation** - Hosted exiled scholars though physically safe, often feel they have entered a second exile on their host campuses. Many are left to themselves by their busy colleagues. The Consortium's weekly seminar provides a regular forum for hosted endangered scholars to build relationships with other scholars who are also living in exile, and to talk about their concerns (which can also be a way of alerting the host institutions to potential issues they might not be aware of).
- **Reestablish Academic Connections** - Consortium programs are designed to connect hosted endangered scholars with the academic community they have lost (e.g. co-led online seminars) and to their new academic community (e.g. conferences & lecture series).
- **Long-term Stability** - Once a scholar joins the Consortium community, they are welcome to take part in our activities for as long as they wish, even after their fellowships have ended.

After their fellowships end, many Consortium scholars may be looking for new positions in their field. If your university or department is interested in hiring a Consortium scholar, please visit the "[Scholars Seeking Placements](#)" page on our website.



# Membership Dues

Since its founding, the Consortium has been funded exclusively by foundation grants and donations. We now find that we must institute a modest **annual membership fee** to strengthen the Consortium's financial base.

- Annual membership rates (based on student enrollment):
  - Enrollment 0-2,000: \$500 minimum
  - Enrollment 2,000-6,000: \$1,000 minimum
  - Enrollment 6,000-10,000: \$2,000 minimum
  - Enrollment 10,000 and above: \$3,000 minimum
- The fee scale was determined by a committee of Consortium liaisons.
- We will use World Bank classifications to apply a discounted rate of 50% for institutions located in countries classified as "low, lower-middle, or upper-middle-income".
- Members who joined before September 2022 will be given a two-year grace period before their first payment is expected. However, we will encourage them to contribute if they are financially able.
- New members will receive a two-year grace period before they are required to pay dues. However, we will encourage them to contribute if they are financially able.

# Institutional Members

## **Bangladesh**

Asian University for Women

## **Canada**

McGill University  
Queen's University  
University of British Columbia  
University of Ottawa

## **France**

Université Paris Lumières  
Université Paris 8  
Université Paris Nanterre

## **Germany**

Friedrich-Schiller-Universität Jena  
Freie Universität Berlin  
Humboldt Universität zu Berlin  
Philipps-Universität Marburg  
Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität Bonn  
Technische Universität Dresden  
Universität Bremen

## **Ireland**

Maynooth University  
Trinity College Dublin

## **Italy**

Università degli Studi di Padova  
Università degli Studi di Trento

## **Jordan**

Columbia Global Centers | Amman

## **Netherlands**

Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam

## **Poland**

Kozminski University  
University of Lower Silesia

## **South Africa**

Durban University of Technology  
Nelson Mandela University  
University of Johannesburg  
University of Kwazulu-Natal  
University of Pretoria  
University of the Witwatersrand  
Johannesburg

## **Spain**

Universitat de Barcelona

## **Sweden**

Karolinska Institutet

## **Switzerland**

École Polytechnique Fédérale de  
Lausanne  
Université de Genève

## **United Kingdom**

Birkbeck University of London  
London School of Economics  
The Open University

# Institutional Members

## **United States of America**

Amherst College

Arizona State University

Barnard College

Brown University

Binghamton University, State University of New York

Carnegie Mellon University

Clark University

Columbia University

Connecticut College

George Mason University

Georgetown University

Miami University

The New School (administrative home of the Consortium)

Northeastern University

Rutgers University, The State University of New Jersey

San José State University

Trinity College

Tufts University

Tulane University

Union College

University of Connecticut

University of Minnesota

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